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Response To Restriction Requirement

REMARKS

Applicant herein is responding to a Restriction Requirement as raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 23, 2004. In the Office Action of September 23, 2004, the Examiner indicated that four separate distinct inventions had been included with the claims namely, claims 1-9 drawn to a conveyor and sensing roller, classified in Class 198, Subclasses 781.01; claims 10-16, drawn to a conveyor drive, classified in Class 198, Subclass 789; claims 17-19, drawn to a conveyor, classified in Class 198, Subclass 618; and claims 20-24, drawn to a torque conveyor, classified in Class 198, Subclass 780.

The Examiner next required Applicant to elect one species from Category A namely Species I, Figure 2A; Species II, Figure 2B; and/or Species III, Figure 5.

The Examiner next required Applicant to elect one Species from Category B namely Species I, Figure 3; Species II, Figure 7; and/or Species III, Figure 9.

The Examiner required Applicant to elect one Species from each of the above Categories. The Applicant was then further required to select an invention from paragraph 1 namely the claims as applicable to the single disclosed Species.

As best understood Applicant makes the following election pursuant to the Restriction Requirement of September 23, 2004.

Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-9, drawn to a conveyor and sensing roller, classified in Class 198, Subclass 781.01. In addition, Applicant within Category A elects Species III, Figure 5; and in Category B, Species I, Figure 3. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-9 are directed to the elected Species within Category A and Category B.

Applicant believes that the election of Species and the identification of claims herein fully complies with the Examiner's requirements and 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant provides the provisional election of Species herein without prejudice as to any remaining claims. Applicant believes that the identification of claims and the election of species herein, as required by the Examiner, fully conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 as provisionally elected herein.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the enclosed elections

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pursuant to the Restriction Requirement, then the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by facsimile, telephone, and/or E-mail at the Applicant's counsels below-identified contact addresses.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and allowance of provisionally elected claims 1-9 herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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